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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 10, please amend "RRELATED" to --RELATED--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) The hybridization detection method according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 4] or 2, wherein the sample and the probe are labeled with different labeling materials.

6. (Amended) The hybridization detection method according to [any of claims] claim 1 [to 5] or 2, wherein the value produced by normalizing the difference between the amount of the probe and the amount of the sample bound to the probe with the amount of the probe is indicated on a display.

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